03050203-070

(Caw Caw Swamp)

General Description

Watershed 03050203-070 is located in Calhoun and Orangeburg Counties and consists primarily of *Caw Caw Swamp* and its tributaries. The watershed occupies 51,379 acres of the Upper Coastal Plain region of South Carolina. The predominant soil types consist of an association of the Noboco-Wagram-Lakeland-Dothan series. The erodibility of the soil (K) averages 0.12; the slope of the terrain averages 3%, with a range of 0-6%. Land use/land cover in the watershed includes: 5.96% urban land, 21.14% agricultural land, 8.41% scrub/shrub land, 0.91% barren land, 54.68% forested land, 8.38% forested wetland (swamp), and 0.52% water.

Caw Caw Swamp flows through Redmond Pond and is joined by Murph Mill Creek (Mack Branch, Crim Creek), Sweetwater Lake, Burke Creek, Saddler Swamp, Early Branch, Cooner Branch, and Turkey Hill Branch. Downstream of Turkey Hill Branch, the swamp flows through a 100 acre-lake and drains into the North Fork Edisto River. There are a total of 54.5 stream miles in this watershed, all classified FW.

Water Quality

Station #
E-105Type
WClass
FW*Description
CAW CAW SWAMP AT S-38-1032

Caw Caw Swamp (E-105) - Aquatic life uses and recreational uses are fully supported.

A fish consumption advisory has been issued by the Department for mercury and includes the streams within this watershed (see advisory p.31).

Permitted Activities

Point Source Contributions

RECEIVING STREAM

FACILITY NAME

PERMITTED FLOW @ PIPE (MGD)

COMMENT

NPDES#

TYPE

LIMITATION

CAW CAW SWAMP PROPOSED

SC22 & I-26 INTERCHANGE MINOR MUNICIPAL

PIPE #: 001 FLOW: 0.10 EFFLUENT

Camp Facilities

FACILITY NAME/TYPE PERMIT #
RECEIVING STREAM STATUS

SWEETWATER CAMPGROUND/FAMILY
CAW CAW SWAMP

09-307-0001
ACTIVE

Mining Activities

MINING COMPANY PERMIT #
MINE NAME MINERAL

REA CONSTRUCTION CO. 0536-38
MINE #8 SAND

Growth Potential

There is a low to moderate potential for urban growth in the northwest section of the City of Orangeburg. Interstate 26 bisects the watershed which includes four interchanges near the Town of St. Matthews. U.S. Highway 601 and a rail line run along the eastern watershed border connecting Orangeburg to St. Matthews.